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## 5/2/2007 Minutes

### OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

May 2, 2007

Approved June 6, 2007

Present: Ann LeRoy (Chair), Teresa DeBenedictis, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Patsy Kraemer, Leslie Mayer, David White, and consultant Ralph Willmer.

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were accepted with one spelling correction: Ralph Willmer (not Wilmer).

New Member: Jane Auger has agreed to join the Open Space Committee and will soon meet with the Town Manager as required before being formally appointed.

#### Discussion of Open Space Plan:

· Suggested date for the next public meeting is Wednesday, June 13.

The draft of the revised plan should be ready for that meeting. ·

At the meeting we should present facts like lists of open spaces and recreational needs, and discuss the proposed five-year action plan. ·

The list of goals should include taking advantage of the state Self-Help and Urban Self-Help grants, which are for funding open space acquisition and recreational facilities respectively. · These grants require

having an approved Open Space Plan. We can submit an application (deadline: July 31) supported by our draft plan, but we won't get any grants until the revised plan has been approved by the state. ·

The Selectmen and Planning Department have already discussed applying for help with acquiring Elizabeth Island, and with stormwater treatment work involved in park and playground renovations. Park & Rec has identified Stratton, the Summer Street playground, and Wellington Park on Grove Street as its next priorities. · The draft revision of the table of open spaces in section 5 of the plan was reviewed. There are some questions about ownership of or multiple jurisdiction over a few parcels.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Karpati